

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
5:30 PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Cherry, Ffion Soltis, Elle Susnis, Matt Kerr, Carol Deaner, Carol Kovalchuk, Ellinor Allen (student liaison)

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Tom Eddy, City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Dyno Wahl, Tammy Farmin,

Chairman Deaner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Approval of Minutes:

Soltis and Cherry indicated they did not feel the minutes adequately reflected the content of discussion from the meeting.

Motion:

Susnis moved and Kerr second to approve the minutes of October 30, 2017. **Motion passes 4-2 with Soltis and Cherry voting no.**

New Business:

City funding for public art:

Deaner stated most Cities have money budgeted for public art and the City needs to incorporate public art into the budget. Deaner stated SURA funding will be gone in 2027 and since the City is doing a strategic plan, now is the time to start thinking about how to incorporate public art funding into the budget. Cherry stated Councilman Camp always brings up the long range maintenance of public art and there are currently pieces that need to be moved and touched up. Deaner explained the Parks and Rec department usually is responsible for those types of issues, but going forward may not be able to accommodate the Arts Commission.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Budget/Long Range Plan:

Carol K advised the Downtown budget has \$75,082.02 and the Northern has \$124,634.45.

Deaner stated she and Susnis met and created a new 2018 project list.

Cherry clarified the documents are just ideas.

Cherry inquired how the Commission feels about funding for signage coming from the public art budget. The Commission agreed to take the proposed Granary signage out of the project list.

Councilman Eddy inquired what was actually be asked for at the Granary. Deaner stated the owner just wanted to know what was planned for the area. Susnis stated the alley does not lend itself to being a gateway or entry until the City does some improvements.

Deaner explained the sidewalk art at Farmin Park needs to be redone. Cherry inquired how the project was implemented in the past and indicated the project should be implemented like the hydrant project.

Cherry stated she would like to have the 2017/2018 project document reviewed quarterly.

Long Range Plan:

Susnis stated she will have a document for review at the February meeting.

Deaner stated she met with Eric Paull, Chairman of the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency regarding the silver box project. She stated he indicated once a project is approved by SURA it does not matter if the money is spent in a fiscal year or if the project is delayed.

Stainless Steel Boxes:

Soltis stated the City does need to be updated with the boxes and she prepared a summary. She went over the summary and the goals of the project.

She stated the results do not reflect what the committee wanted.

Deaner stated the Priest River artist has been calling and asking about the project. Soltis stated she could follow up with a personal phone call and the project is on hold. The Commission discussed how to best communicate an update on the project to the artists that applied.

The commission discussed how best to disseminate information regarding calls for public art.

Deaner stated she could not find any long range plans for other cities and sometimes information is not easily available.

Soltis stated she talked with Tim from Mountain Metals and the panels have not been sent for power coating.

Eddy inquired about storage. Soltis stated Mountain Metals could store the boxes. Staff advised the boxes would need to be stored on City property. The Commission discussed storage options.

The Commission agreed they would not take action on the project until January.

Deaner advised the Silver Box committee should get together and form a plan. Ffion stated stakeholders from the City should be invited to the meeting.

Schweitzer Roundabout:

Cherry went over the time line with the Commission. Cherry stated the recommendations for the Mayor were developed as a committee.

Cherry stated the Public Works Director Ryan Luttmann was a recommendation from City Council.

The Commission unanimously agreed Ellie Susnis would be the Arts Commission representative on the Selection panel.

Hydrant project:

Susnis stated she and Deaner met with the high school arts teacher and the students will be painting the hydrants. The project will be in the spring. Susnis stated she and Deaner would like to do the cleaning and prepping. She stated they would get volunteers to help.

Cherry inquired if they should hire a painter to do the prep work, but added the project would need to go before City Council.

Website:

Kerr advised information for the website was still be compiled.

Deaner stated Coeur d'Alene has every piece of art on thier website.

Deaner stated she, Kerr and Susnis would get together and work on the website.

Matters from Commission or staff:

Meeting adjourned 5:15 p.m.